Dr. Herman Lewis Genetic Biology Program Director Division of Biological and Madical Science National Science Foundation Washington, D.C. 20550

Re: GB 8739

## Dear Herman:

As you requested, I am writing to ask that you withdraw the application entitled, "A Program in Genetics and Molecular Biology," from further consideration by the National Science Foundation. On reflection, I believe there are other and more appropriate sources to which we should apply for departmental support. However, we are very appreciative of the generous support that the National Science Foundation has given us in the past through this grant.

As I am sure you understand, we are faced with the problem of continuing financial assistance, especially for the salaries on the above grant and therefore welcome your proposal to request a supplement for the current department grant. The details of the supplement are given on a separate page. With this amount of funding, we should be able to carry on the program until alternative sources have been evaluated.

Many thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Encl Joshua Lederberg
Principal Investigator